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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. D. A. FitzGerald
International Cooperation Administration

SUBJECT: Program Approval for $5,000,000 in Development Assistance for Libya.

ICA Program Approval No. 56-142 is being returned with Department of State approval provided that the narrative statement on page 2 is amended along the lines suggested in the enclosed draft. It is the Department's view that the special nature of the assurances obtained from the Libyan Government regarding this aid should not be included in the Program Approval and that they are not essential to the acceptance of that document.

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Signed: Robert G. Barnes

Robert G. Barnes
Special Assistant to the Under Secretary

Attachment:
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CC: ED - Mr. LaMacchia
AF - Mr. Root

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Program Approval
No. 56-142

LIBYA

NARRATIVE: FORMALIZATION OF $5,000,000 PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE - FY 1956

By letter of March 13, 1956, concurred in by ICA, Ambassador Tappin was instructed to offer the Libyan Government $5 million in FY 1956 for economic development projects to be agreed upon. In an exchange of notes of April 4 the U.S. Government obligated itself in this regard and the Libyan Government accepted this offer.

It has been determined that the notes constitute an obligation of ICA funds.

It is now necessary that funds be allotted so that individual projects can be selected, agreed to, and started as quickly as possible. USOM, aware of the possibility of an increase in aid level, has done much of the preliminary work on projects known to be needed for Libya's development, but was not, of course, prior to April 4, at liberty to discuss any such proposals with the Libyan Government. USOM is being requested to submit individual projects for ICA approval as soon as possible.

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